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We claim:

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1. A process for preparing compounds of the general formula I

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{A} \stackrel{B}{\longrightarrow} D \\ F \xrightarrow{E} Mg - X$$
 (I)

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which comprises reacting compounds of the general formula II

$$R^{\frac{1}{2}} \xrightarrow{A} E X^{a}$$
 (II)

with compounds of the formula R^4MgX (III) at temperatures below 0°C,

where the substituents and variables in the formulae I, II and III have the following meanings:

$$z = 0$$

 $X = halogen, R^2$

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$$X^a = Br, I$$

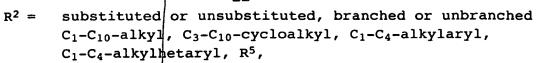
A, B, D and E independently of one another CH, CR², N, P or CR³

F = 0, S, NR^6 , CR^2 of CR^3 when z = 0, or CH, CR^2 , N, P or CR^3 when z = 1,

together to form another substituted or unsubstituted aromatic, saturated or partially saturated ring which has 5 to 8 atoms in the ring and which may contain one or more heteroatoms such as O, N, S, P, and not more than three of the variables A, B, D, E or F being a heteroatom,

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$$R^{1} = COOR^{2}, CN, CONR^{3}R^{3}, halogen$$





- 5 R^3 = hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched $-OC_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, $-OC_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl, $-OC_1-C_4$ -alkylaryl, $-OC_1-C_4$ -alkylhetaryl, R^3 or R^5 ,
- 10 $R^{3'}$ = hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_3-C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1-C_4 -alkylhetaryl, R^5 ,
- R4 = substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched $C_1-C_{10}-alkyl$, $C_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl$, $C_1-C_4-alkylaryl$, $C_1-C_4-alkylaryl$ or halogen,
 - $R^5 = a \text{ solid support,}$
- 20 R^6 = substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1-C_{10} -alkyl, C_3-C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1-C_4 -alkylhetaryl, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched $-(C=0)-C_1-C_{10}$ -alkyl, $-(C=0)-C_3-C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl, $-(C=0)-C_1-C_4$ -alkylaryl, $-(C=0)-C_1-C_4$ -alkylhetaryl or $-SO_2$ -aryl.
 - 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, which is carried out in an inert aprotic solvent.
- 30 3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, which is carried out at temperatures below -15°C.
- 4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the reaction to give compounds of the formula I as set forth in claim 1 is complete within 10 hours.
 - 5. A process as claumed in any of claims 1 to 4, which is carried out on a solid support (= R⁵).

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40 6. A compound of the formula I

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 & A & B \\
 & P & Mg-X
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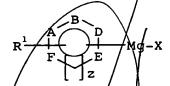
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in which R¹ is COOR². CN or CONR³R³ and the other variables and substituents have the meanings stated in claim 1.

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7. A compound of the formula #a



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in which variables and substituents have the meanings stated in claim 1, and at least one of the substituents R^2 , R^3 or R^3 is a polymeric protective group (= R^5).

8. The use of a process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 for preparing substance libraries.

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